

We was not satisfied with finding one thing of so much importance but determined to explore for more. So we came along the string we had found already stretched until we got even with with the stalactites that J. M. Moore found yesterday & then made our string fast to it and left it. We went through a small hole on our hands & knees that led us into a good sized room (about 30 x 20 feet, irregular) that had quartz wash in the bottom of it; but was nothing like the Wind River wash. From this room we took a small passage leading to the North West, that was nearly lined with calcite crystals. The passage kept get larger until it opened up into a large room with regular dimensions (about 45 x 35 feet). We looked around about 15 minutes before we found the passage that we wanted to take, but I finally found it in the North West corner of the room. The passage was pretty small at first, but there was some wind coming out of it & that inspired us to keep moving on because, in Wind Cave, whenever you find a passage that has wind in it, it shows the passage is of some importance. It was a natural passage & we followed it over a hundred feet before we found the big room we expected to find. The room was very irregular & was about 450 feet across in the shortest place. There was a whole network of passages leading in every direction from it & we found that some one had been in the room before we had because we saw tracks in the soft floor. We tried to follow the tracks out of the room, but when we got on the solid rock floor again, there was no tracks, so we gave it up after about half an hours search & returned to the large room again. We took another passage this time from the west end of the room & after we followed it a while, we found tracks in it & then found a beaten trail & things began to look natural to me, as though I had been in that place before. To my surprise and delight, we soon come into the Circle Discovery thus making the largest circle that I had yet made in Wind Cave. We arrived at the entrance at 5:45 P.M. after getting a few calcite crystals on our way out.